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Call for Papers

WORLD CONGRESS OF AFRICAN LINGUISTICS 9 – RABAT MOROCCO

African Languages in a Global World: From Description to State Policies

Venue:

Mohammed V University
Rabat, Morocco

Conference dates:

August 25th – 28th, 2018

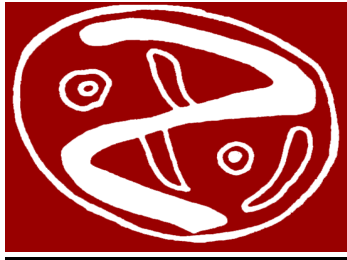
Pre-conference study day

August 24nd, 2018, Study day on the Amazigh and Arabic languages

Pre-WOCAL

A 10-day pre-WOCAL summer school on Documentary linguistics in Africa August 11th - 20th,
2018 (Co-organized by the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP, SOAS)

More information and application procedures will be announced later.



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Aim and Scope

Faithful to its well-established tradition, WOCAL furthers its research concerns with the status of African languages in the modern world. The particular focus of WOCAL9 centers on the nature and manifestations of the impact of globalization on African languages. In the face of such a transformative globalization wave, societies are being radically deconstructed, giving birth to new societal forms and practices. Languages of course are no exception to this trend; they, in particular, are involved in the process both as objects to and agents of change. The main aim of the conference is to bring under in-depth scrutiny a wide range of linguistic and cultural phenomena and factors that influence African languages within the context of global change. Special emphasis will be given to the status of endangered languages.

Program Organization

The congress will be organized as plenary sessions for keynote addresses from invited speakers and thematic parallel sessions for presentations of papers. Poster sessions will also be scheduled during the conference days. We invite abstracts for presentations or posters on the following sub-themes:

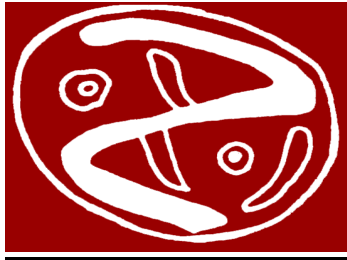
- African linguistics (phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, etc.)
- Language contact and diversity
- African languages in legislation and policies.
- Amazigh studies
- Arabic in the African continent: Language contact phenomena (Impact of Arabic on African languages; Arabic script, lexis, etc.)
- Language and development
- African languages and technology
- African sociolinguistics (Language planning, policy/ policy implementation, linguistic landscaping, etc.)
- Dialectology and isoglosses
- African Languages in education
- African languages and translation
- African Sign Languages

Contributions can focus on results from completed as well as ongoing research.

We also invite proposals for organizing special interest panels on related themes to be scheduled as parallel panel sessions; the following panel has already been planned and we invite paper proposals for it:

- The Sociolinguistics of Globalization in Africa: Fluidity, Mobility, Agency

For more details on this panel and future suggestions, please visit the WOCAL9 webpage:
<http://2018.wocal.net/>



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Submission procedures

Submissions are solicited for theme session presentations which should last for 20 minutes with 5-10 minutes for questions (maximum 30 minutes total), and they should be in line with the following guidelines:

- Fill out the **Abstract Submission Form** at: <https://goo.gl/jy1EpE>
- Abstracts should be no more than 500 words and should NOT include the authors' names and should be submitted in English.
- The bio should not exceed 100 words.

Should you have queries, please send us an email to: wocal9rabat@gmail.com

You can also find more details on the WOCAL9 webpage: <http://2018.wocal.net/>

Important dates

The deadline for abstracts submission: **November 30th, 2017**

Notification of acceptance: **December 31st, 2017**

Conference: **August 25rd – 28th, 2018**

Arrival: No later than **August 24nd, 2018**

Departure: **August 29th, 2018**

Conference Fees (transfer info below)

Professors and senior researchers 160 \$

Doctoral/Master students 80 \$

Early birds: April 31st, 2017

Moroccan Professors and senior researchers 150 \$

Moroccan Doctoral/Master students 70 \$

Conference Language

The WOCAL9-Rabat congress language is English. Papers can be presented in English, Arabic or French; however, abstracts of all papers must be submitted in English.

Conference Venue

Mohammed V University - Rabat

Avenue Mohamed Ben Abdellah Erregragui, Rabat, Morocco

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